

mare gone from the tree where she was used
 to be tied up of nights. There being no stable
 The rope, with which she was tied, was also gone
 I looked for the mare's track, it was a peculiar
 one made by one of her hoofs which I had comm-
 -enced to trim, but left unfinished, with a
 sharp point to it. I found the track & followed
 it along the road leading from my house to the
 Bates place by A. Scotts to the Bates place; saw
 the track until I got to the old field at Bates
 place; where I lost it; then went to James Scotts
 & got breakfast; then went to James Melton's
 got there about 8 o'clock in the morning -
 Ann Melton was in bed, her clothes off, I stayed
 yet hour then went to several places without
 hearing of my daughter - stayed all night
 at Francis Melton's & on going home next
 morning - found my mare there, the rope on her
~~head~~ been broken, about ~~four~~ feet of it left
 on her, the end frayed up. About four
 weeks afterwards, I found the other piece of
 the rope tied to a dogwood tree at the Bates
 place - the ends fitted I knew the rope I made
 it. I found the piece of rope about 75 yds from
 where I lost the mare's track in the old field -
 The dogwood, to which it was tied was in the bushes